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CZECH FOREIGN TRADE INCREASES

FOREIGN TRADE VOLUME UP -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 8 Aug 51

The State Planning Office, in its semiannual report on the fulfillment of plans for all branches of production, also published some figures on Czechoslovak foreign trade for the first half of 1951. According to these figures, the volume of foreign trade in the first half of 1951 increased by 30 percent, compared with the same period of 1950. The portion of the Eastern bloc in the total increased by 5 percent to 56.8 percent. The portion of the Western bloc is still 43.2 percent of the total of Czechoslovak foreign trade.

Success was achieved in importing industrial raw materials, machines, and equipment, which are needed for the fulfillment of the industrial plan. In the first half of 1951, this type of import equaled 71.8 percent of the total, as compared with 68.2 percent in the same period of 1950. Soviet aid again consisted of raw materials and equipment, as well as of grain; shipments of these items were doubled.

CZECH TRADE WITH CHINA TO GROW -- Duesseldorf, Chemische Industrie, Sep 51

On the basis of a trade agreement concluded between Czechoslovakia and China in June 1951, trade exchanges between the two countries are to be quadrupled during the current year, compared with 1950.

Czechoslovakia is to ship chemicals, machines, and vehicles in exchange for raw materials such as vegetable oils, etc.

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